

CIA Interviews Many, Hires Few

CPYRGHT

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's super spy agency, the CIA, confirmed Wednesday that it has recruiting teams visiting about 100 college campuses interviewing students as prospective analysts and agents.

"We want good people," said Col. Stanley J. Grogan. "We're out looking for them."

At present the Central Intelligence Agency is particularly interested in students, especially graduate students with basic scientific training which would qualify them for photo interpretation work. That is a high priority field of intelligence

which was brought to public notice in the U2 spy plane sensation of six years ago, and in the aerial photographs that uncovered the Soviet secret rocket installations in Cuba in 1962.

Grogan, an assistant to the CIA director, Adm. William F. Raborn, said the CIA probably has more employees and officials with advanced academic degrees than any other agency in government. It is a hard claim for any outsider to check against the record. Grogan said that under the law even the CIA total employment is secret.

But he also reported that it is

known that CIA has about 600 "senior people" — apparently meaning officials of some importance — of whom 53 per cent have advanced academic degrees such as doctorates in science and philosophy.

The CIA recruitment program was propelled into national prominence when a small group of students at Grinnell College in Iowa picketed a CIA man on campus. The students displayed posters asking what the CIA is doing in Viet Nam, Indonesia, and the Dominican Republic. One poster said: "Where there is an invisible government there

is no democracy."

A Grinnell spokesman said the college didn't mind the picketing which had been "orderly, pretty peaceful."

The CIA here was obviously unperturbed also. In fact, an inquirer gained the impression that the agency is not averse to getting a bit of publicity for its talent scouts. The agency is competing not only with other government departments but with all kinds of high-paying private enterprise.

Grogan said the college recruitment campaign had been going on since the agency was created on the foundation of the World War II Office of Strategic Services. It is thus close to 20 years old.

"We try to get the very top people in academic standing. We are particularly interested in those with advanced degrees," Grogan said.

"It is announced in advance on the campus when our man will be there, and the requirements are announced also. They are very strict.

"It is made clear to the people interviewed that it takes some time to get security clearances. They also have to have met their draft requirements.

"They're not excused from the draft in order to work for CIA."

While the agency occasionally gets spectacular attention for an international blunder or involvement in some great crisis — Viet Nam or the Dominican Republic — most of its employees are engaged in analysis.

Their task is to keep up with everything that is happening in a particular country or group of countries and try to figure out what it means for the present and the future.

The real spies maintained by the CIA provide information which confirms, contradicts or fits into the pattern produced by analysis.

"A great many people are interviewed but relatively few are chosen," Grogan said.